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**Cover:** Long-range side-scan sonar image of a submarine volcano on the Nazca plate at 11°27' S, 84°52' W. The volcano is 10 km across at its base and has a 2-km diameter crater. Its summit stands some 1500 m above the regional 4300-m level of the seafloor.

display only slant range, not horizontal range, on a linear scale. This anamorphosed record is stored on 35-mm film negatives, from which prints, at any desired scale, can be made. For *Discovery* 110, all the records were mounted in their correct positions and orientations on charts at scales of 4 inches and 16 inches per degree of longitude.

We also used a second, hull-mounted sonar, which operates at 36 kHz. It has higher resolution than Gloria, but a more limited range. We were able to side-scan with it in water depths up to about 2.5 to 3.0 km, and it gave some indications of seafloor texture (e.g., outcrop versus sediment drape) in greater depths. We often operated it with one beam turned vertically down so that it behaved as an echo sounder with a broad beam at shallows but narrow beam in the fore-and-aft direction. This gives a very useful improvement over standard broad-beam echo sounders.

In addition to the sonars, the ship carried a suite of standard geophysical equipment comprising 10-kHz echo sounder, 2-kHz sub-bottom profiler (similar to a 3.5-kHz profiler), air guns, a single-channel seismic reflection profiler, proton magnetometer, and Lacoste & Romberg gravimeter. Satellite navigation was used throughout the cruise.

### Ship's Route

Figure 1 shows the track followed by the ship, together with areas of detailed surveys. We crossed the following features during the course of the cruise: Panama continental margin, Panama Trench, Colba Ridge and fracture zone, Cocos Ridge, Cocos-Nazca spreading center (95°W-102°W and 85°W-86°W), Galapagos Triple Junction, East Pacific Rise axis (2.5°N-4.0°S), Quebrada and Gofar fracture zones, Mendaña fracture zone (80°W-83°W), Peru Trench (10°S-14°S), Galapagos Rise, Bauer Scar (5.5°S), and POD Leg 69 sites (Costa Rica Rift).

We collected Gloria and other geophysical data from all these features, and over most of the passage tracks in between.

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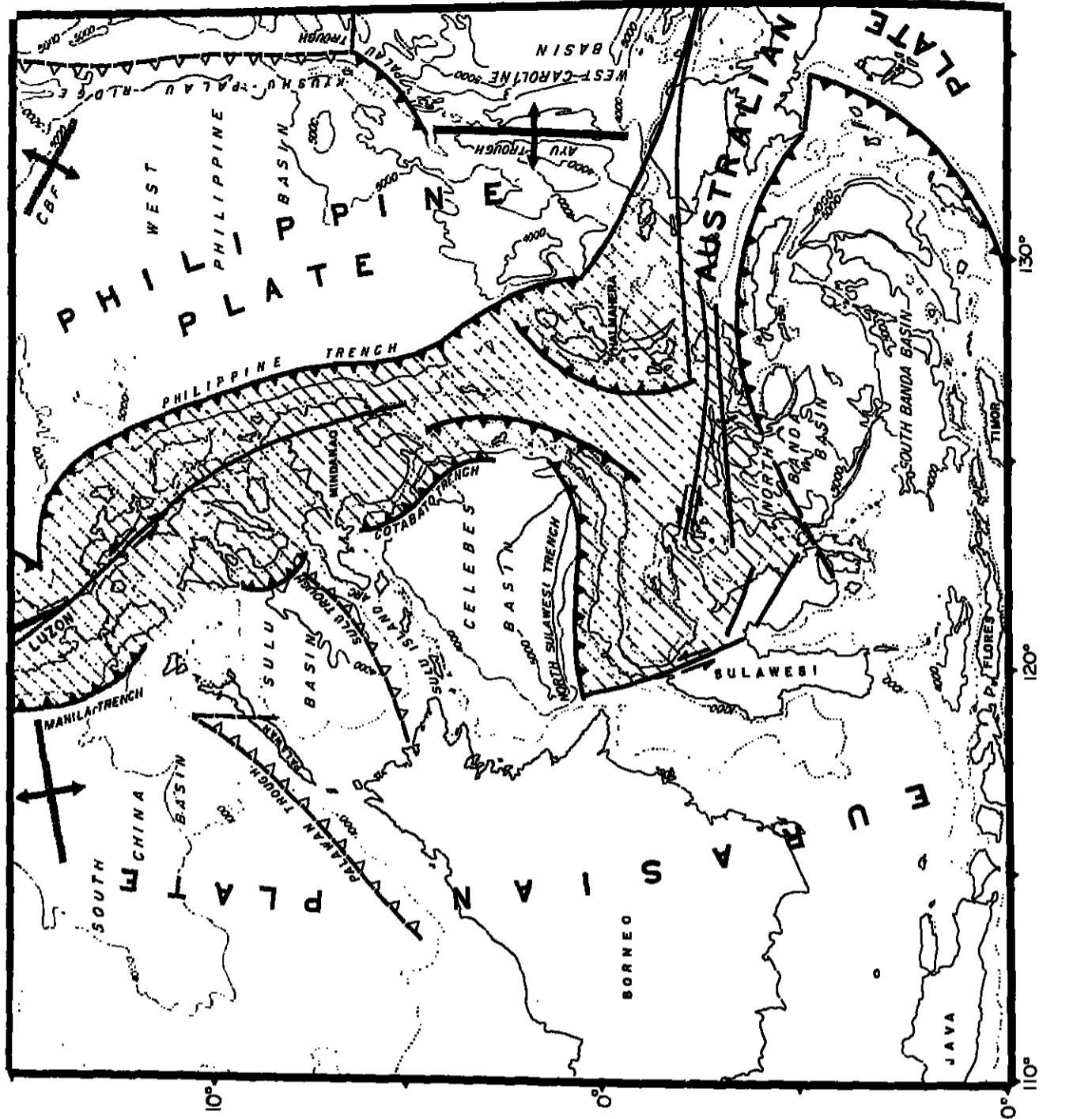
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Other features mapped include an echelon trench axis segments, apparently controlled by the graben fault structure of the subducting plate; extensive, long troughs and ridges on the middle shoreward slope which strike roughly parallel to the trench; complex and possibly obducted structures in the shoreward slope where the Mendaña fracture zone intersects the trench; and an amazing paucity of canyons in the shoreward slope.

### Panama Trench and Continental Margin (T. W. C. H.)

Our outward and return crossings of the Panama Trench (G, Figure 1) showed extensive folded sedimentary structures shoreward of the flat-lying sequence in the trench proper. These folded sediments could be seen from the sonographs to extend for about 100 km and to become more closely spaced as they curved to the northwest, suggesting that convergence has been from a westerly direction. High-resolution reflection profiles showed that the most recent trench sediments were being folded at the shoreward side,



## 'Gloria' Side-Scan Sonar in the East Pacific

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### Introduction

The Institute of Oceanographic Sciences' long-range side-scan sonar 'Gloria' was operated over almost 20,000 km of ship track during the recent 58-day cruise 110 of *R.R.S. Discovery* in the eastern Pacific Ocean. The cruise took place between April and June 1980 and ran between Balboa (Panama), the East Pacific Rise, and Callao (Peru). The main objectives were geophysical studies of fast- and medium-spreading midocean ridges (including the Galapagos Triple Junction) and fracture zones, and the Peru Trench. This is the first time that this unique sonar has been used in the Pacific or on a fast-spreading midocean ridge.

Gloria provides very rapid physiographic surveys of large areas of the seafloor. As a result we obtained a wealth of new data and some very impressive views of the seafloor (see cover photograph).

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Before the cruise, major fracture zones had been mapped at 3.5°S (Quebrada) and 5°S (Gofar). The precise nature and position of the plate boundary between them was unclear.

In this area (E, Figure 1) we ran several lines parallel to the Gofar and Quebrada fracture zones, four tracks oriented northeast-southwest to give full Gloria coverage of the area between the fracture zones, and a series of north-south oriented tracks (normal to the fracture zones) to obtain narrow-beam echo-sounder profiles across them through the use of the hull-mounted sonar.

It was discovered that another fracture zone exists between Quebrada and Gofar at 4°S. Following the convention for naming fracture zones in this area after the expeditions mapping them, we propose to call this the *Discovery* fracture zone.

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Planned work on these data (R.C.S.) will (1) check in detail the apparent similarity with slow-spreading ridge fault patterns, (2) investigate the development of the fault pattern near the axis, and (3) make a detailed comparison with the Deepot data.

### Cocos-Nazca Spreading Center

A small survey was made of the 'propagating rift,' which Hey et al. (1980) have proposed exists near 95°W on the Cocos-Nazca spreading center (B, Figure 1). Gloria clearly showed a wedge-shaped section of new seafloor which appears to have been emplaced as the rift was propagating westward into older crust while the offset rift was dying back. The area of offset between the propagating and dying rifts is marked by oblique tectonic structures which we do not yet fully understand. A detailed new bathymetric chart of the area has been produced, and this, together with a tectonic description, is now being prepared for publication (R.C.S. and R.N. Hey, Hawaii Institute of Geophysics). A second propagating rift may have been observed on the same spreading axis near 95°W.

Another small survey of this medium-spreading plate boundary was made over the Galapagos spreading center at 86°W (C, Figure 1). We plan (R.C.S.) to compare the Gloria data here with the results obtained by the echosounder sur-

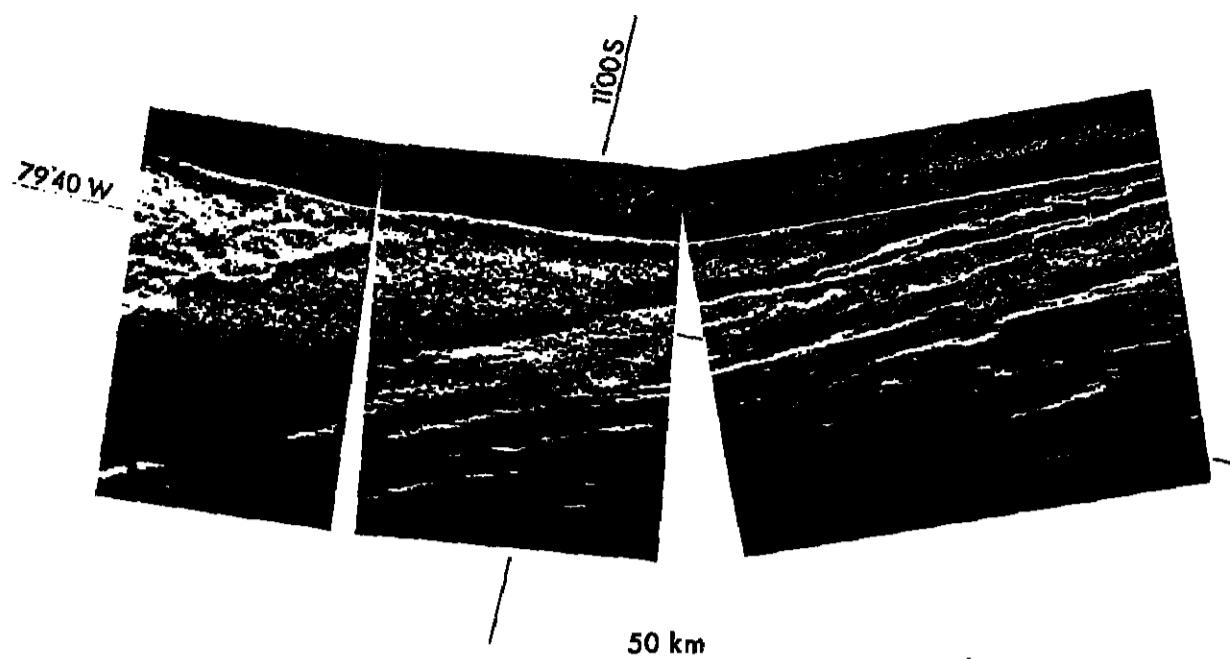


Fig. 2. Sonograph of part of the Peru Trench. Ship's track is along the top of the figure, and thus the direction of insinification is downward. North is to the left. The sonograph covers 30 km from top to bottom. The strong reflector near the top of the figure is the profile of the seabed immediately beneath the ship. Viewed thus, the sonograph appears to give an oblique view of the seafloor, with the seabed profile as the horizon and the view from the Pacific toward South America. The mottled area in the upper left contains folded sediments of the lower inner slope. The lineations in the lower half of the record are fault scarps produced by normal faulting in the seaward plate as it bends over. The uniform gray area at center is the flat, turbidite-covered floor of the trench.

which indicates active convergence. The distribution of the folds indicates a small component of northward as well as eastward convergence for the oceanic plate. Northeastward-dipping oceanic basement was observed in the air gun reflection profiles at more than 3.5 s beneath the folded sedimentary structures on the seaward side of the Panama Trench. A large gravity low confirmed the presence of thick sediments in this structure. North of the trench, a ridge and associated linear structures striking about  $080^{\circ}$  were observed near  $7^{\circ} 10'N$ , from  $78^{\circ} 40'W$  to  $80^{\circ} 15'W$ . We think these structures may mark the site of a transform fault associated with the Caribbean/Nazca plate boundary.

#### Central Volcanoes

Well over 100 central volcanoes were observed during this cruise with Gloria. Their distribution is patchy; some regions contain none; in other regions we saw one or two isolated volcanoes; and in two areas we saw large fields of them, with densities of around 10 per square degree. These fields were southwest of the Galapagos Islands and between the Galapagos Rise and Peru Trench. The fields are hundreds of kilometers across and do not have trends that are evident from our limited coverage.

The volcanoes have a remarkably uniform morphology. They generally have steep (up to  $45^{\circ}$ ) outer slopes and almost flat (but slightly convex) tops. Their basal diameters are 7–10 km, and their heights usually between 700 to 1000 m. Some have prominent central craters of about 2-km diameter. Forms that had a continuous cone up to the summit crater were seen (see cover photo), but they were rare. Occasionally several circular forms overlap, and complex craters containing several rings were also seen. The volcanoes occur on seafloor of all ages. The youngest we saw had probably formed not more than a few kilometers from a spreading axis.

A detailed study of the morphology of these volcanoes is in preparation (R. C. S.).

#### IPOD Leg 69 Sites

The sites of IPOD holes 501/504 and 505, south of the Costa Rica Rift, were covered by small Gloria surveys (H, Figure 1). The ship, steaming east or west, passed to the north and south of each site at a range of about 10 km (optimum for Gloria viewing). This pattern was designed to give optimum information on E-W faults outcropping near the sites, to assist in assessing the degree of hydrothermal convection occurring in these regions. Results have been prepared for publication in volume 69 of the *Initial Reports of the Deep-Sea Drilling Project* (R. C. S.).

#### Tectonic Fabric and Spreading History

Because of the relatively young crust and slow sedimentation rate, the tectonic fabric of the seafloor formed at the spreading axis remained visible to Gloria over the whole of our passages across the Nazca plate, and over much of the Cocos plate (Figure 3). Occasionally, old transform faults were seen, giving a direct determination of paleospreading directions. Moreover, throughout the plate the seafloor is characterized by linear, parallel ridges that are bounded by faults formed at and parallel to the spreading axis, so one can, in general, infer paleospreading directions to have been perpendicular to this observed topographic and tectonic fabric. A bonus is that these latter faults, on approaching a transform, always curve toward the offset ridge segment (Searle, 1979), giving additional information on the ancient disposition of the spreading axis.

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In 1973, Searle joined the Institute of Oceanographic Sciences, where his main interests have been marine geophysical (particularly 'Gloria') studies of the tectonics of midocean ridge spreading centers and fracture zones.



After service in the Royal Navy, Tim Francis obtained his B.A. degree in physics and Ph.D. in geophysics from the University of Cambridge. He then worked for 2½ years at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography on the interpretation of seismic refraction data from the International Indian Ocean Expedition. Returning to England in 1967, he began work with the seismological group at Blackett, making use of both telemetric and ocean bottom seismograph data to study Mid-Atlantic Ridge earthquakes. His other research interests include resistivity measurements on the continental shelf and down Glomar Challenger drill holes in the ocean floor. Since 1979 he has headed the Marine Geophysics Group at the Institute of Oceanographic Sciences, Wormley.

#### Available Data

We have summarized above the areas of research which we are particularly interested in and intend to pursue. We expect the Gloria records especially, but also our other data, will be of value to others interested in this region who may be working on somewhat different topics. And in addition to their intrinsic scientific interest, we believe the Gloria data provide an invaluable guide to selecting sites for detailed geological studies.

All of our data will eventually (about 3 years time) be published in an IOS 'Cruise Data Report.' Anyone wishing to view or obtain copies of data from selected areas before that should contact one of the authors at IOS.

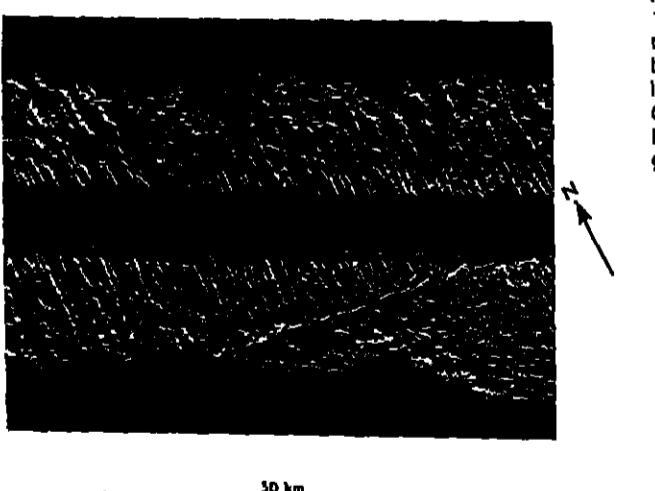


Fig. 3. Pair (port and starboard) of sonographs from the flank of the East Pacific Rise at  $9^{\circ}S, 104^{\circ}W$ . The northern part of the area is dominated by N-S lineations, which are interpreted as west-dipping fault-scarps formed at and parallel to the East Pacific Rise spreading center. This lineated fabric is characteristic of much of the ocean floor. These scarps terminate against an E-W lineation that is the inactive trace of a previously unmapped transform fault. The northern N-S scarps bend westward just before they reach the transform, indicating that the transform offset is a dextral one. N-S scarps recur south of the transform, but are less clear, perhaps because the sea-floor here is older.

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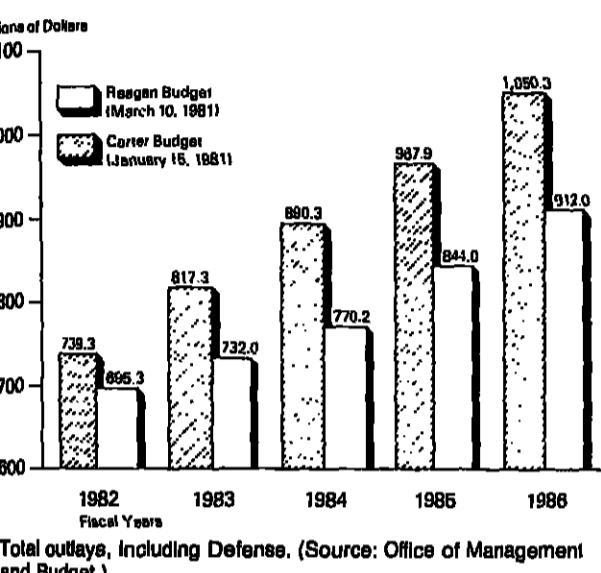
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## News

#### Reagan Finalizes Budget Cuts

As expected, President Reagan's revisions to the budget request made in January by then-President Carter slash R&D funds; most geophysics programs barely keep pace with inflation under the plan. Reagan had outlined proposed cuts in late February (Eos, March 3, p. 90) and on March 10 filled in the details and chopped an additional \$13.8 billion from the total budget. Of the agencies and programs impacting geophysicists, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is probably the hardest hit, with a reduction of 24% from Carter's January proposals.

Total budget under the Reagan plan is \$695.3 billion, down from Carter's proposed \$739.3 billion (Eos, February 10, p. 49). Congressional action could alter the budget, however.



#### NOAA

The Reagan budget request for natural resources and environment in fiscal 1982 is down to \$7.9 billion from Carter's January request of \$13.6 billion. Included in this is the axing of \$200 million from NOAA.

Total budget for the agency was \$1.05 billion in Carter's request. Reagan pared it by nearly 24% to \$848.8 million, which is roughly equivalent to the fiscal 1981 appropriation. This means the end of the Coastal Zone Management Program, the Energy Impact Formula Grant Program, the Coastal Energy Impact Program (CEIP), the Sea Grant Program, undersea research, NOAA's LANDSAT plans, and the National Oceanic Satellite System (NOSS). In addition, NOAA will close 38 part-time weather service offices.

#### NASA

Reagan proposes a 15% reduction in planned construction for water resources programs. About 75 of the more than 300 remaining programs would be delayed under the plan. Also proposed is the elimination of funding for the Water Resources Council (including state planning grants and the river basin commissions) and the Office of Water Research and Technology. However, an Office of Water Policy will be established within the Department of the Interior. This office will advise the Secretary on water resources policies, according to the latest budget document.

The Reagan administration also proposes a \$40-million reduction from the Carter budget in the Department of Energy's general science programs. The revised budget request for fiscal 1982 is \$567 million.—BTS

#### Science Policy for the '80's

Science policy (if ever was a policy) usually was to support ill-defined or 'basic' research in science; the 'policy' was embodied in the hope that supported research would someday pay off in the form of improved technology. One of the failings of this policy during the post-WW-II period was Simon Ramo, a founding member of the National Academy of Engineering, chief scientist of United States ICBM defense operation, founder of the TRW Corporation, and now a member of President Reagan's science and technology task force. Simon Ramo represents an influential group dedicated to a 'systems analysis' approach to forecasting technological progress, and as such the 'systems' approach emerges as a central theme for science policy in the 1980's.

The revised budget preserves the space shuttle, although \$36 million of the \$2.2 billion allocated to the mission has been subtracted. This paring is offset by the addition of \$60 million to the current fiscal year budget to allow for launch delays. The fleet of four orbiters will remain on schedule, but the option for a fifth shuttle orbiter remains open.

The Space Telescope will continue at the funding level identified in January (\$119.5 million), as will the Galileo mission to Jupiter (\$108 million) and the Halogen occultation experiment (\$7.5 million).

Venus Orbiting Imaging Radar (VOIR) is now scheduled for launch in 1988, 2-year delay. Budgeted in January for \$40 million, the revised budget funds it at \$10 million. Launch of the Gamma Ray Observatory (GRO) also will be delayed 2 years to 1988. The January request for GRO was \$52 million; current request is \$8 million.

Reagan's budget restructures the International Solar Polar Mission, scheduled for a 1985 launch. Fiscal 1982 funds are being deleted in Reagan's revised budget, but \$5 million has been left to fund development of U.S. instruments that will fly on the European-built spacecraft.

#### Ocean Drilling

The National Science Foundation fared better than NOAA, although many programs will receive less money under the Reagan budget proposals than under Carter's budget. One of the programs trimmed in ocean drilling.

NSF's revised budget totals \$1.03 billion, down from the \$1.16 billion budgeted in the earlier request. The revised figure adds \$20.5 million to the fiscal 1981 budget. As Reagan outlined in late February, all new starts are eliminated. These include the \$7.5 million program to modernize laboratories and the \$9.8 million for the 25-m, millimeter-wave telescope in Hawaii.

Ocean drilling was budgeted by Carter for \$30 million; \$14 million for the Deep Sea Drilling Program (DSDP) and \$16 million for ocean margin drilling (OMD). Reagan's revisions pare the total to a \$26 million contribution from NSF. \$4 million will be cut from the OMD purse. This still represents a significant increase over 1981's \$5 million budget.

Science policy issues leap out from everywhere. Relindustrialization of America, innovation policy,

Role of the White House science adviser, National agenda for the 1980's. The peer review system as an obstacle to new ideas. Global 2000. Deregulation. Risk analysis. Carbon dioxide and the threat to global climate. Impact assessment. Revamping the patent system. Five-Year Outlook for Science and Technology. Science indicators. Particle-beam weaponry. Weakness of military command and control systems. Obsolete instrumentation. Obsolescent professors. Technical manpower shortages. Everyday, federal agencies, universities, foundations, and think tanks pour out dozens of studies and reports on the measurements and ramifications of scientists and technologists.

Where neoconservatism enters the issues of science policy is in the now popular desire for the simple virtues of the competitive commercial market place. Industrial and economic growth involve advanced technology and engineering, and thus for a first step in the reaffirmation of these virtues it is perceived that U.S. industry itself should not be blamed for its decline in the late 1970's and early 1980's, but instead, big government and its policies are to blame. Lepkowski cites neoconservative science policy expert Simon Rottenberg, an economics professor at the University of Massachusetts, as reflecting new establishment thinking. According to Lepkowski:

[Rottenberg] says that the growth of science support by the government has corrupted quality in research and has produced off the bounty a 'socially excessive' mediocre class of scientist. Cutting basic research and training budgets, he believes, will weed out the less than competent scientists that infest academic research establishments.

The central problem confronting public science policy [Rottenberg says] is that of avoidance of central direction. The judgment of those who make that policy is not better than the judgment of competitive commercial and intellectual markets. Where outcomes that would be generated by those markets are frustrated and dominated by taxes and subsidies that are implicit in science policy, policy will have done much mischief.

Thus, the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, and those other agencies that have supported basic research in universities have done mischief.

Lepkowski goes on to say that 'this new philosophy will not be comfortable reading to those accustomed to seeing science policy as the sum of budgets, the description of programs, and the organizational structure of NSF.'

As apart from the philosophy, the current practicability is seen in budget cutting to the 'bone' of the federal government. Science writer Dan Greenberg calls the cuts in science areas 'unkind,' because they appear to be heaviest in the social and behavioral sciences, which he favors as 'at least . . . pointed in the right direction' (*New Scientist*, sup.). There is continuing concern that the budget cutters are proceeding in the areas of R&D and science and technology without guidance of a White House science advisor. Very recently, reports have come from high officials in the Reagan administration that the need for a science advisor is being questioned, that the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) would not fit easily into the decision-making structure at the White House (Science, Mar. 6, 1981). It may be likely that the functions of the OSTP will be transferred to another agency and, thereby, will be made less effective. That the White House is proceeding with budget cuts and other science policy in the absence of a representative of the scientific community in the position of advisor has caused what is reported in *Nature* as 'scientific nihilism in Washington.'

On the other hand, the school of systems analysts and systems engineers worry about the desperate need for information technology to keep our society from the ills of a rapid, uncontrollable information explosion (social 'entropy') is a term used loosely).

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wind, the mass of particles in the air was thousands of times greater, but the ash appeared to have no effect on the amount of water in clouds or the size of water droplets. Laboratory tests of ash collected from the ground near Yakima, Wash., after the May 18 eruption, produced similar results. Russell Schnell simulated conditions in the volcano plume by squirming ash into an airtight plastic tent and allowing it to settle. At intervals, air samples were collected from the tent and particles were tested for their ability to serve as freezing, or ice, nuclei. The ash turned out to be a very poor source of ice nuclei. The effectiveness of an ice nucleus depends on the temperature at which it induces freezing in water cooled below the freezing point. The warmer the temperature, the more active the nucleus.

In the ash samples, very few nuclei were active at temperatures above 10°F. Even when the ash in the tent was three times thicker than a strong dust storm, no more ice nuclei were present than if there had been no ash at all.

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**Chemical analysis of the ash provided a clue to its meteorological harmlessness. Past research has shown that the cloud-modifying potential of man-made pollutants generally is linked to their content of water-soluble nitrates. The ash had less than the particles already present in the unpolluted air. The mineral-like ash proved highly insoluble.**

**Researchers are not calling Mount St. Helens Insignifiant; it injected millions of tons of dust and ash into the atmosphere. "But as far as local weather is concerned, the volcano is relatively benign," said Pueschel.—PMB**

### New Earthquake Prediction Association

The Association for the Development of Earthquake Prediction (ADEP) was founded in January under the direction of Takehiko Hagiwara, a professor emeritus at the University of Tokyo. ADEP concerns itself with research related to earthquake prediction and prevention of earthquake disas-

ters. It also aims to develop necessary technology to predict earthquakes and to help save lives and properties in Japan.

Although ADEP will concentrate mostly on Japanese earthquakes, the association will publish an international journal, *Earthquake Prediction Research*. Taneiji Rikitake, chairman of IASPEI's Commission on Earthquake Prediction, will be the editor-in-chief. D. Reidel Publishing Co. in the Netherlands will work with ADEP to publish the journal.

### Geophysicists

J. F. Dewey has been named distinguished professor by the State University of New York at Albany. He also has been invited to give the 1981 William Smith Lecture to the Geological Society of London on "The Plate Tectonic History of the British Islands."

**Research Fellow: Aqueous Solution Geochemistry.** The Australian National University invites applications for appointment to the position of research fellow—aqueous solution geochemistry, in the Department of Geology and Geophysics by the Earth Survey Applications Division, NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center invites applications for the open position of Head, Earth Resources Branch. The incumbent of this position is responsible for planning, managing, and conducting broad programs in earth resources remote sensing basic and applied research and data analysis, emphasizing the development and demonstration of applications of remote sensing of earth resources from earth orbiting satellites. The primary areas of research in the branch are land use management, vegetation and environmental monitoring utilizing remotely sensed data and advanced technologies. Also, significant effort is dedicated to sensor data evaluation in terms of applications and scientific utility, and to specification of data acquisition and information extraction systems which best meet user scientific and resource management needs. An advanced degree in earth or physical sciences is required with education in the vegetation sciences, land use or environmental monitoring being specifically preferred. Candidates should also have several years of progressively more responsible experience in the conduct, guidance and management of remote sensing research programs and clear evidence of a strong research background indicating scientific research scientist status.

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Applicants should have broad interest in theoretical solution geochemistry and relevant experimental-chemical techniques. In addition to describing their qualifications, applicants are invited to submit research proposals detailing the general research directions and specific projects which they would wish to pursue. Further information concerning the position can be obtained directly from Dr. W. Compton.

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## **Geodesy and Gravity**

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REPEATED PRECISE GRAVITY MEASUREMENTS ON  
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Canada V8L 4R2) A. Lachert and J. Liard  
Over the past three years, repeated precise  
gravity measurements have been made on Vancouver  
Island, British Columbia, to test a practical  
method for monitoring crustal movements.

nappes are nearly continuous, and there is no evidence that they are rooted in the mantle. The gravity high across the southern nappe is centered over the axis of the synform (maximum nappe thickness); its position over the gabbro-peridotite contact rather than over the peridotite suggests extensive serpentinization of the peridotite. At the southern end of the profile, in the Iberia Dome area, the negative Bouguer anomaly ( $-10$  to  $-15$  mgal) is interpreted as an InfraCambric salt placement similar to those in the Zagros fold belt. Geologic modeling of the main gravity profile provides a good correlation in terms of isoon thicknesses of the upthrust ophiolite units. The nature of the gravity anomaly across the continental margin indicates a transition from  $\sim 20$  km thick continental crust to a thinner ( $14$ – $18$  km) oceanic crust.

ILES DE THREE SEPTENTRI UNITS OF THE  
MASCARINE GROUP OF NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA  
J.L. Roy (Geophysical Laboratory, Division  
of Geomagnetism, Earth Physics Branch,  
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Thermal, chemical, alternating field  
and two-stage ( $\Delta T$  followed by thermal)  
experiments were performed on 18 sites  
(217 specimens) of three sedimentary units  
(Groups A and B and C) of the Maccarines  
of southwestern New Brunswick. Group A  
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## **Geomagnetism and Paleomagnetism**

2540 Spatial variations attributed to sea floor spreading  
 A REVISED MAGNETIC POLARITY TIME SCALE FOR THE PALEOCENE AND EARLY EOCENE AND IMPLICATIONS FOR PACIFIC PLATE MOTION  
 R. P. Butler and P. J. Conley (Department of Geosciences, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721)

reported here, are discussed in the context of Siluro-Devonian paleo of North America. Different options are open to the investigator as to the difficulties in dating both the rock and remanence ages. It is concluded that more data from detailed investigations are needed before the evolution of the eastern seaboard and Appalachians can be retraced by paleogeography.

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**Cover.** Note any similarities between the two photographs? The top photograph was taken in the Dry Valleys of Antarctica (outer banks of Don Juan Pond, South Fork, Wright Valley, Victoria Land, Antarctica (77°34'S, 161°12'E); view toward northeast). Surface rocks have been sculptured by wind action producing ventifacts. The bottom photograph is from the Viking 2 lander site on Mars at Utopia Planitia (48°N, 226°W). The surface rocks have been sculptured by erosional processes. Studies were conducted and samples of soils, rocks, and cores were collected from the Dry Valleys of Antarctica in connection with NASA Mars Data Analysis Program on studies of planetary surface analogs. These analogs may display features of the cold-dry environments associated with both areas. (Photograph and information courtesy of Everett K. Gibson Jr., NASA Ames Research Center.)

The major objection raised by the council at its January 26-27 meeting in Golden, Colo., was the lack of documentation on the prediction. "We are particularly distressed that although this prediction has been publicized in various forms for several years, nothing in the scientific literature or in other written form has been made available to this council on the detailed theoretical basis and methodology of the Peruvian prediction as currently formulated," according to the official council statement. (See full text of the statement below.)

predictions, because of the social consequences,' Spence commented. He noted that predictions should be supported with well-documented details.

The council was established in August 1979 to aid the USGS director in issuing formal predictions of earthquakes. Clarence Allen of the California Institute of Technology is chairman and John Filson of the USGS is vice chairman. Other council members participating in the evaluation were E. R. Engdahl, USGS; David Hill, USGS; James Savage,

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sity of California at Berkeley; and Lynn R. Sykes, Columbia University. Members of the council who did not participate are Robert Wallace, USGS; Kelli Ald, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; T. Neil Davis, University of Alaska; and Nell L. Frank, National Hurricane Center in Florida. James Rice at Brown University, an authority on the physics of rock failure, attended the meeting at the request of the council.—BTS

### Venus Cloud Studies

Observations of the pattern of atmospheric changes on Venus have been made on the basis of 2 years of Pioneer orbiter data. The results indicate a long-term period of change for both the planet's wind patterns and for the existence of a haze layer above the cloud tops, according to a recent NASA release. The Pioneer orbiter has taken about 1000 pictures of Venus' clouds and extensive measurements of the particles comprising those clouds.

Among the most noteworthy of the results is that Venus' planet-wide wind patterns change dramatically over a period of several years. Two patterns have been discerned: a mid-latitude jet stream pattern and a cloud and wind pattern that acts like a solid body. It was also observed that the high-altitude haze layer, which completely envelopes Venus' clouds, appears and disappears over several-year periods. This haze is a "smog layer" extending above the main cloud region by about 30 km. This altitude on Earth would be well into our stratosphere.

The Pioneer Venus orbiter is expected to return pictures and other data until 1985. The orbiter reached Venus in December 1978, and the four Pioneer probe craft entered the atmosphere at the same time. Cloud pictures and polarimetry data are provided by the cloud photopolarimeter.

A multiyear change in the pattern of global winds, and similar changes in the planet-wrapping haze layer, could help explain other features of Venus' atmosphere, such as: Why, on a planet which has almost no axial rotation, do the upper level winds circle the planet at tremendous speeds of 360 km/h. These winds cover the planet completely, blowing at virtually every latitude from equator to pole. Their speeds can be determined from the speeds at which the clouds, carried by the winds, travel around the planet. Wind speed measurements from top to bottom of the atmosphere by the four Pioneer probe craft show that these high-speed, cloud-level winds are coupled to lower-altitude winds, which also have very high speeds.

The 360-km/h cloud level winds blow around the planet at an altitude of 65 km. Wind speeds then range down to 192 km/h at 50-km altitude and to a still very high 80 km/h at 20-km altitude. The mass of the moving atmosphere constituting these high-speed winds is several times that of the entire atmosphere. It represents about a quarter of Venus' atmosphere, which is about 100 times denser than Earth's.

Despite the scale of these high-speed, upper-level winds, well over half of Venus' tremendously dense atmosphere near the planet's surface is almost stagnant. From the surface up to 10-km altitude, wind speeds are only about 3 to 18 km/h. In a general way, the high-speed winds can now be explained as being due to the transfer of momentum from Venus' slow-moving, massive, lower atmosphere to higher altitudes where the atmosphere is less massive, so that the same momentum results in a much higher velocity.

The long-term changes in global wind patterns, and the enormous haze envelope which appears and disappears, could be responsible for the planet's high-speed winds. Any future general atmosphere circulation model for Venus will have to produce these long-term changes in wind and cloud patterns.

Set out below are details of the major findings from the 2-year analysis of the Venus cloud and polarimetry data.

It is now clear that the high-speed movements of Venus' clouds around the planet are not caused by wave motions in the atmosphere, as was previously thought, but are real winds, though there are some wave motions as well. These planet-circling winds, which carry along the clouds, are the same ones that were measured by the four Pioneer probe craft as they descended to Venus' surface in December 1978. These winds blow in an east to west direction, circling the planet once every 4 days at speeds near the equator of 360 km/h and near the poles (at around 70° latitude) of 160 km/h. The Pioneer cloud pictures show the region of Venus' main cloud deck at altitudes between 60 and 65 km above the planet's surface.

The global pattern of these planet-circling, cloud-level winds appears to change periodically. For the past 2 years of Pioneer observations, Venus' clouds and cloud-level winds have been evidencing "solid body" rotation. That is, they move around Venus as though they were made up of one solid planet-encasing body. This pattern of motion, of course, means wind speeds are much higher at the equator than at the poles.

In 1974, when the Mariner spaceprobe flew past Venus, the clouds did not circle the planet as a solid body, and there were mid-latitude jet streams at around 45° latitude. These higher-speed winds had velocities of around 400 km/h, while wind velocities at the equator were some 40 km/h lower, at 360 km/h. This seems to indicate that there is an irregular cycle of change in the pattern of these cloud-level winds—perhaps several years in length. The duration and rate of change of this cycle of changing wind patterns would be of fundamental interest in understanding the high-speed flow of Venus' upper-level winds around the planet, as well as the behavior of the general atmosphere circulation.

Measurements of Venus' cloud level winds show that, in addition to circling the planet, they also blow toward the poles at speeds of around 25 km/h. These equator-to-pole winds (also seen by the four Pioneer probes at lower alti-

tudes) carry heat, absorbed near the Venus equator, from the sun to the poles.

The observed speeds of equator-to-pole winds agree with the wind measurements by the four Pioneer probes. According to the NASA report, this indicates that the cloud-level winds are the upper limb of an equator-to-pole Hadley cell circulation loop that carries Venus' equatorial heat poleward.

The so-called global "Y" pattern of Venus clouds, with the tail of the "Y" extending eastward around the planet and the arms westward, appears at times, but is not typical. The "Y" was first seen in ground observations. Sometimes the "Y," which occasionally extends two thirds of the way around the planet, disappears completely. At other times, it is so changed that it forms a "C" or other shape. In general, the planet shows a whole range of global cloud patterns in addition to the "Y."

In addition to its well-known veil of clouds, 2 years of Pioneer polarimetry measurements show that Venus is currently enveloped in an 18-mile-thick blanket of high-altitude haze. The haze is present everywhere, but has about 3 times more particles per unit volume at the poles than at the equator. At the poles the haze is so thick that it obscures the base clouds beneath it. This haze of tiny sulfuric acid droplets is the "sealer" of Venus' greenhouse effect, holding additional heat beyond that which would be trapped by the clouds and atmosphere alone. The planet's 484°C surface temperature would be somewhat lower without the haze. Furthermore, inclusion of haze effects makes the Venus heat radiation models developed by scientists match the cloud top atmosphere structure observed by the Pioneer Venus instruments.

Venus' main clouds consist of sulfuric acid particles 2 microns in diameter, while in the haze layer the particles are smaller—only a quarter of this size.—PMB

### Satellites Pinpoint Tornado Clouds

Research into ways to integrate data from satellites and other sources is helping weather forecasters improve their ability to determine quickly where thunderstorm clouds, and perhaps tornadoes, may occur. Field offices of the National

Earth Satellite Service are using new technology to help Weather Service forecasters determine within hours when conditions are right for potentially dangerous storms. J. Purdon, a meteorologist with the satellite service's applications laboratory, is attempting to create methods to help forecasters use satellite imagery to understand why thunderstorms develop as they do. Although the evolution of a thunderstorm often appears random when viewed by radar, satellite data may allow forecasters to predict certain behavior accurately.

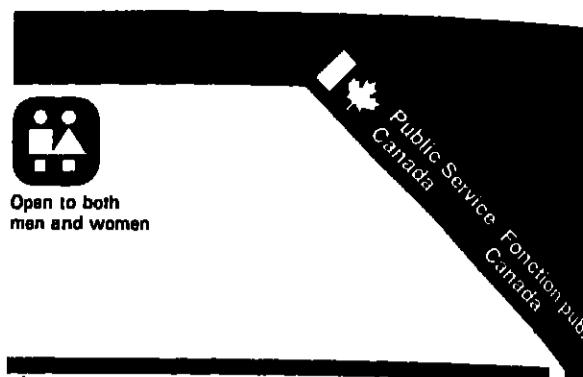
Under the right circumstances according to Purdon, a thunderstorm in one location, even after it has dissipated, can affect conditions miles away. It can even be instrumental in creating new thunderstorms, which often spawn severe weather.

The satellite is the finest small-scale weather observing system we have. Visible sensors on the satellite allow us to observe clouds as small as one-half mile in size during daytime, while infrared sensors provide observations both day and night with a resolution of 4 miles.

"Clouds and cloud patterns in a satellite image represent the integrated effect of ongoing dynamic and thermodynamic processes in the atmosphere," he explained. "When that information is combined with more conventional data such as radar, the interactions in the atmosphere that are so vital in the formation and continuance of thunderstorm activity can be better understood."

Purdon said repetitive situations occur frequently. Thunderstorm-induced phenomena later trigger thunderstorm systems miles away, giving rise to tornadoes and severe weather. The phenomena often can be recognized through animated satellite imagery. Consequently, the creation of new thunderstorms, as well as their proximity to the influencing storms, can be predicted—hopefully.

Purdon said this knowledge allows severe storm forecasters to concentrate on particular cloud formations during the tornado season. Meteorologists seeing the series of events are alerted to pay special attention to the areas where thunderstorm development will occur during the next few hours, thus helping them better isolate the severe storm areas and watch them more carefully with radar, he concluded.—PMB



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who recently retired. As part of his new job, Devine will administer the oil and gas exploration program on Alaska's North Slope.

Edward C. Stone, project scientist for NASA's Voyager mission, was presented with the 1981 American Education Award by the National School Supply & Equipment Association.

The following geophysicists were elected as Fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science at the January AAAS meeting in Toronto:

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### Geophysicists

James F. Devine has been appointed assistant director for engineering geology at the U.S. Geological Survey National Center in Reston, Va. He succeeds Henry Coulter,

## New Publications

### Concepts in Geodetic Reference Frames

Helmut Moritz, Rep. 294. The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, iv + 58 pp., 1979.

Reviewed by E. M. Gaposchkin

Reference frames have long been the province of physics and geodesy. Geophysics has not been interested and with some justification. The principal concern in observing the earth has been to refer observations suitably to something. The geophysical fluid dynamicist reduces his data to isobaric surfaces, and the tectonophysicist is interested only in relative changes, etc.

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E. M. Gaposchkin is with the Smithsonian Astrophysics Laboratory, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The aim of this report was as a review, and a great deal of classical geodetic formulation is given. In the chapter on relativistic aspects, however, Moritz has broadened the scope and has given some interesting results, both in terms of general relativity as seen by a geodesist and of the philosophical basis for establishing absolute or preferred reference frames. Moritz's interpretation of the principle of general covariance is unconventional. However, he does develop the idea of using the tidal forces of general relativity to separate gravitational and inertial forces, which seems at first a contradiction of the principle of equivalence.

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(Ed.), Geological Society of America, Boulder, Colo., vii + 148 pp., 1980, \$17.00.

*Seafloor Spreading Centers*, P. A. Rona and R. P. Lowell (Eds.), Dowden, Hutchinson & Ross, Inc., Stroudsburg, Pa., xv + 424 pp., 1980, \$45.00.

*Search Theory and Applications*, K. B. Haley and L. D. Stone (Eds.), Plenum, New York, ix + 277 pp., 1980.

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Tsukuba University, (Takashi Ichijo, Dept. of Oceanography, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843) June 29-July 11 Seminar on Fluid-Dynamical Problems in Astrophysics and Geophysics, Chicago, Ill. Sponsors, American Mathematical Society, Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics. (Meeting Arrangements Department, American Mathematical Society, Post Office Box 6248, Providence, R.I.)

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